

## AMENDMENT

*Proposed by Mr. Lumpkin, to the motion submitted by Mr. Benton, in relation to the legislative power of the Union, to assume the debts of the several States.*

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JANUARY 7, 1840.

Submitted, referred with said motion to a Select Committee, and ordered to be printed.

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Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert,

That the assumption by the General Government of the debts of the States, contracted for local purposes, whether it shall be a direct assumption, which would make the General Government responsible for said debts, or indirect, by a distribution of public money among the States, to enable them to pay their debts; or a pledge of public lands for the said purpose or otherwise, would be impolitic and dangerous, unjust and unequal, among the members of the Union, and wholly unauthorized by the letter or spirit of the Constitution.

Blair & Rives, printers.

